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MONTANA CHAUTAUQUA SLATED IN HAMILTON

MISSOULA--

A Montana Chautauqua will be presented in the Hamilton High School Auditorium Thursday, April 29, under the sponsorship of Bitterroot Conservation and Development (RC&D) and the University of Montana Alumni Association.

The free program will be given at 2 p.m. for students and 7:30 p.m. for the public. A reception in the multipurpose room will follow the evening performance.

The Montana Chautauqua Project is funded in part by a \$7,000 grant from the Montana Legislature in cooperation with the Montana Historical Society. It is directed by Juliette T. Crump, head of the dance division in the UM drama/dance department, and William Bevis, UM professor of English.

The chautauqua presentation in Hamilton consists of a talk on Montana writers by Bevis and a dance, "Dry Run," choreographed by Crump and performed by UM faculty and students.

Bevis, chairman of the UM Western Studies Committee, will discuss who Montana writers are, what they do and what values of Montana culture can be seen in their writing.

Deanna W. Sheriff and Candace Crosby will be on hand to provide information about the "A Future for the Arts" campaign to raise funds from the private sector to match a \$7.5 million legislative appropriation for construction of a fine arts/radio-television building at UM. An artist's sketch of the \$8.6 million facility will be on display. Sheriff is director of university relations at UM and Candace Crosby is project coordinator for the "Buy-A-Seat" part of the campaign.

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